

MONDAY REPORT

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SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TAKES LEAD IN HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS

Helping preserve a city's historical past is not the usual mission of a community college. However, for Shelton State Community College, located in the heart of Alabama, a state known for home and buildings built before the Civil War, preservation is a way of life and a natural tie-in to education.

Over the past three years, Shelton State has been involved in several local archaeological digs through the efforts of the college's assistant dean, Bruce Bizzoco. Bizzoco, who also teaches anthropology for Shelton State, has volunteered his summers over the past few years to work on several projects for the city of Tuscaloosa.

In 1988, Bizzoco teamed up with the archaeologists from the University of Alabama to excavate the former First State Bank site which was built in downtown Tuscaloosa in the 1820's. Students and local citizens volunteered to help with the dig, and the project evolved into a total community effort. The result of this first dig was an educational and cultural attraction for the city which already boasts a number of antebellum homes and buildings.

In 1989, a second excavation project began, this time the location was Capitol Park in Tuscaloosa, the site of Alabama's first Capitol which was located there from 1826-1846. This dig was also undertaken as a community project between Shelton State, the University of Alabama, the city of Tuscaloosa, the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society, the Heritage Commission of Tuscaloosa County, and the Thrift Foundation. The first phase, which was completed that year, uncovered small patches of land in the park which were, in fact, the location of the Capitol's foundation boundaries.

During the summer of 1990, the dig continued. Outlines of the foundations of the south wing of the building outside the mound area were exposed.

This summer, 936 cubic yards of earth were moved, and the foundations of the state's former Capitol were exposed. The site was excavated to 2 1/2 feet below the actual floor level of the former Capitol. The interior walls showed the stone foundation, topped by brickwork above the floor line. Above the brickwork is where walls would have been plastered.

The Tuscaloosa City Council recently appointed a 10-person board to oversee the park's development as a tourist attraction. A grand unveiling of the project is already being planned for next spring.

INFORMATION FOR MONDAY REPORT

THE MONDAY REPORT IS AN IN-HOUSE NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED FOR THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE MONDAY REPORT, CONTACT LUCY KUBISZYN, EXT 2221.

MORE WORDS FROM SHELTON WRITERS

Rick Shelton's poem, "Farming Shelby County: A Dream," appears in the Spring/Summer '91 issue of the Alabama Literary Review. The magazine is available in the college library. Rick's children's chapter book, Hoggle's Christmas, will be published in 1992 by Cobblehill Books, a division of Penguin U.S.A.

ORIENTATION

Part-Time Faculty Orientation will be held in Dean Howington's office on the Skyland campus, September 9 at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 7:45 p.m., and September 12 at 5:30 p.m. .

ART EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY IN LIBRARY

On exhibit in Shelton State's library from September 20 to October 25 will be "One Man's Trash, One Man's Treasure." Works are from the collections of Carole Johnson and Sharon Deck, Shelton faculty members. These two collectors acquired art through thrift stores, garage sales, and flea markets. "Thrift art," such as this, was sponsored by the Metro Art Gallery in New York, and is currently in VOGUE MAGAZINE. This exhibition will feature a variety of formats and subject matter. While classes are in session, exhibition hours are: Monday--Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

SHELTON STATE SUCCESS CENTER

SHELTON STATE SUCCESS CENTER WILL OPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AT 10:30 A.M. THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE MATH AND WRITING 080 LABS WILL BE POSTED ON TUESDAY. FOR INFORMATION ON THE SUCCESS CENTER, CONTACT MARY EVELYN THORNTON.